



THE CENTERPIECE

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MID-SUMMER 2014

Jill Skaist Art Exhibit

New & Past Work: 1970-2014



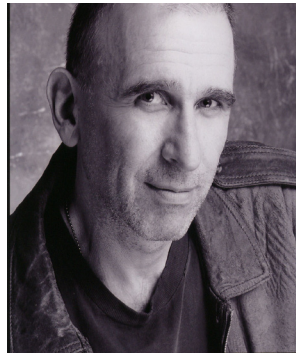
September 11 thru October 30, 2014

Opening Reception: Thursday, Sept. 11, 5:00-7:00pm

Stephen Axelrod

New York actor and playwright,
will be performing again
in Reading on

Sunday, October 26 at 1:00pm at the JCC



An afternoon of short stories written and performed by the inimitable Stephen Axelrod. Last year he delighted his GoggleWorks audience with his gritty autobiographical one-man show Blue Collar Bay and the charming reading of some of his short stories.

In his writing, Steve has his finger, or rather his heart, on the sorrows and dreams of those in American society whose lives haven't been an easy ride. His work makes us think of the writing that illuminated and enriched the thirties, and now in hard times again, becomes tellingly revelatory.

LAKIN PRESCHOOL



Limited spaces available
2014 to 2015 school year

For information or a tour contact Judy Synnaron at
484-332-5981 or school@ohebsholom.org

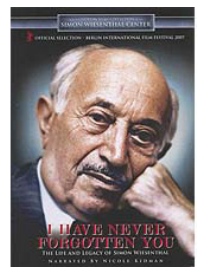
SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 2: Parent Orientation (9am or 6:30pm)
Wednesday, September 3: First Day of School

Tuesday Summer Film Festival at the JCC 2:00 to 3:30pm

August 12: I Have Never Forgotten You:
The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal

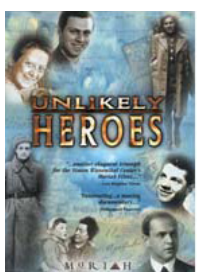
Narrated by Nicole Kidman



Simon Wiesenthal, a Holocaust survivor who lost 89 family members, helped track down over 1,100 Nazi war criminals and spent six decades fighting anti-Semitism and prejudice against all people. Watching the early efforts of the US government to prosecute Nazi war criminals he realized, "There is no freedom without justice," and initially decided to dedicate a few years to that quest. A few years turned into the rest of his life.

August 26: Unlikely Heroes

Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley



Unlikely Heroes documents unknown stories of resistance during WWII including:
* a rabbi's son who disguised himself as a Major in the SS to save Jews;
* a young woman involved in the plot to blow up the crematorium at Birkenau;
* a Jew who defied Eichmann, devising an extraordinary scheme for 40,000 Jews to get to Palestine.

Jewish High School of Gratz College

begins on Sunday, September 7
at the Jewish Cultural Center.

If your child is entering grades 8 to 12 in September
please contact Jayne Kleinman
at JayneK@JFReading.org

Sunday, September 14 JCC Youth Event

For kids entering 2nd to 7th grades in September



220 North Park Road, Wyomissing

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

1:00 pm -- Luncheon catered by Boscov's Ala Carte*
1:45 pm -- Program/Speaker. Varied programs are
informative, educational and fun.

1st Thursday each month: Blood pressure screening at 1:00 pm
*Optional luncheon (\$6). RSVP to Carole at the JCC by Monday.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUMMER PROGRAMS

July:

31 -- Our favorite doctor will present a fun and informative program "Your Skin Care with Dr. Harriet Comite." Bring your questions & concerns.

August:

7 -- Join Linda from the Pagoda Writers for fun with creative writing. Please bring a favorite photo!

14 -- Thursday Film Festival "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy"

21 -- You are invited to Everybody's Birthday Party! Bring a wrapped \$3-\$5 gift (surprise us with anything)...Games and Fun!

28 -- Joan Fisk from the First State Greyhound Rescue, a non-profit dedicated to the rescue of ex-racing Greyhound dogs, will discuss the fate of these dogs when they can no longer race.

Thursday Film Festival

August 14: "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy"

This engaging documentary examines the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. This film mingles cultural history with perspectives on the origins of Broadway's most beloved songs and shows. Taxi pick up at 3:30.

Looking for a Canasta teacher and students. Would you like to teach others how to play Canasta? Are you interested in playing Canasta? Please contact Jayne 610-921-0624 or JayneK@JFReading.org

Join us for **Bridge** at the JCC Duplicate Bridge Club
Wednesdays at 12:30pm. All players are welcome.
If you need a partner call Sue Wesner 610-972-5327
or Greg Kiddy 484-332-6871.

Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League
\$3 JCC members \$6 Nonmembers

Mah Jongg is played at the JCC every Monday at noon.
Everyone is welcome to join the games.
Contact Jayne Kleinman, jayneK@JFReading.org

